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In re Application of

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Filed: CONCURRENTLY

Title: CATV SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 5 to be in the form as follows. A marked up copy of the claim is included in an appendix following this amendment for the Examiners convenience.

5. A CATV system according to claim 1, characterized in that the CATV network (6) comprises a HFC network.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to the claims was made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple defendant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserves all rights they

may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserves their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A
MARKED-UP VERSION

5. A CATV system according to any one of the preceding
Claims claim 1, characterized in that the CATV network (6)
comprises a HFC network.